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PUBLICATION OF TWO VOLUMES OF TOWARDS FREEDOM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ICHRhas requested the publisher Oxford University Press, to withhold the work of publication of two volumes of `Towards Freedom`;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which the work on this old project is likely to be completed; and

(d) the reasons for delay in reviewing the volumes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) The ICHR has requested the publisher,the Oxford University Press, to temporarily withhold the work of publication ofthe two volumes written by Prof. Sumit Sarkar and Prof.K N Panikkar. Typescripts of these volumes have been requested for perusal. The Council has stated that the purpose is to ensure that the lapses and drawbacks found in an earlier volumes are not repeated.

(c) & (d) ICHR has informed that the project is likelyto be completed in about 3 years and the reasons for delay in reviewing the volumes is that the publisher (Oxford University Press)has not yet returned the manuscripts. The matter is pending before the arbitrator appointed by the Hon`ble High Court of Delhi.